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SUBJECT: ESCAP WMO TYPHOON COMMITTEE

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1. THE TENTH SESSION OF THE WMO/ESCAP TYPHOON COMMITTEE HELD IN TOKYO 25-31 OCTOBER 1977 WAS ATTENDED BY REPRESENTATIVES OF HONG KONG, JAPAN, REPUBLIC OF KOREA, MALAYSIA, PHILIPPINES AND THAILAND, AND OBSERVERS FROM FRANCE, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS, USA, LEAGUE OF RED CROSS SOCIETIES, COMMITTEE FOR COORDINATION OF INVESTIGATIONS OF THE LOWER MEKONG BASIN AND THE WMO/ESCAP PANEL ON TROPICAL CYCLONES.

MR. K. NAKAZAWA (JAPAN), DIRECTOR GENERAL, PUBLIC WORKS RESEARCH INSTITUTE, MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING.

2. REVIEW OF PROGRESS MADE IN IMPELMENTING THE METEOROLOGICAL PROGRAMS DURING 1977 INCLUDED REGULAR UPPER AIR OBSERVATIONS AT ZAMBOANGA, RADAR OBSERVATIONS
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AT BASCO, A RADAR INSTALLED AT VIENTIANE AND THE EXPECTATION THAT THE TOKYO-PEKING METEOROLOGICAL CIRCUIT WOULD BE IN OPERATION IN DECEMBER.

3. THE COMMITTEE WAS INFORMED THAT USSR WOULD RESUME OPERATIONS OF THEIR RESEARCH VESSELS IN THE TYPHOON ARE OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC AND PROVIDE SURFACE AND UPPER AIR

OBSERVATIONS DURING THE PERIOD JUNE TO OCTOBER 1978.

4. IMPROVEMENT IN FLOOD FORECASTING AND WARNING SYSTEMS IN THE REGION WAS REPORTED WITH THE SUCCESS OF THE PILOT SYSTEMS ESTABLISHED IN THE PHILIPPINES AND KOREA LEADING TO DECISIONS TO ESTABLISH SUCH SYSTEMS IN OTHER MAJOR RIVER BASINS. JAPAN PROVIDED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN BOTH CASES. JAPAN AND THE PHILIPPINES ARE NEGOTIATING A LOAN TO EXPAND THE SYSTEM.

5. THE DISCUSSIONS ON THE JAPANESE GEOSTATIONARY METEOROLOGICAL SATELLITE (GMS) LAUNCHED IN JULY 1977 AND THE USA TIROS-N TO BE LAUNCHED IN 1978, WITH LECTURES ON BOTH SATELLITES AND THE VISIT TO THE JAPANESE SATELLITE CENTER WAS THE HIGH POINT OF THE MEETING. THE GMS IS EXPECTED TO BE FULLY OPERATIONAL IN 1978.

6. THE SUPPORT OF THE TYPHOON COMMITTEE BY UNDP IS TO CONTINUE AT PRESENT LEVELS THROUGH 1978 AND 1979. PERMANENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR FINANCING BEYOND THAT WILL BE CONSIDERED AT THE NEXT SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE. IN THE WORK PROGRAM FOR 1978 THE COMMITTEE DECIDED A REVIEW MISSION SHOULD EVALUATE COUNTRY REQUIREMENTS AND PROGRAMS AND PREPARE A DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN OF ACTION. THE NEXT SESSION OF THE TYPHOON COMMITTEE SHOULD BE HELD AT THE END OF OCTOBER 1978.

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